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Eban reports on moves for talks

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The latest moves in the attempts to bring about a resumption of negotiations with Egypt on the opening of the Suez Canal were reviewed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban at yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting. His survey included a report on last week's meeting between Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, and U.S. Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, under whose aegis the talks were conducted until they were suspended some months ago.

2-hour strike by post workers expected today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Post offices are likely to be closed to the public from 8 to 10 this morning. The works committees of the Ministry of Communications have called upon the 15,000 staff of the Ministry to stop work for three hours in protest against the Labour bill currently under discussion in the Knesset. Between 8 and 10 a.m. the committees will hold meetings with the workers to explain to them why they are against the draft law banning strikes in the public sector.

Britons 'not bluffing' about quitting Malta

VALLETTA — British schools in Malta are being closed in preparation for the start of the British military withdrawal from the island in about a week, a military spokesman said yesterday. The closing of the schools and the work of dismantling transportable military installations are seen as signs that the British are not bluffing in their determination to leave Malta rather than meet Prime Minister Dom Mintoff's price of £18m. as rent for the military bases. The British offer was just over half of that.

ISLAND FOR RENT

MALTA, the island state which received the George Cross from Britain for its fortitude in withstanding constant German air bombardment in the Second World War, has accused the U.K. financial double-cross and ordered British forces and their dependants off the island by January 15.

Sadat decides to hold new round of top-level talks

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will launch yet another series of high-level meetings on the Middle East crisis with his top political and military aides this month. According to Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper, the aim of these meetings is "to put the final touches to the Egyptian strategy at one of the most crucial and decisive stages of the crisis."

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NEW YORK (AP). — Four or five well-dressed men entered New York's luxurious Pierre Hotel before dawn yesterday, looked over a guest list, forcibly opened 47 safety deposit boxes and made off with an estimated half a million dollars in cash and jewellery.

40 drown in Gulf storm

DOHA, Qatar (Reuters). — About 40 persons were feared drowned when a Qatari ship sank during a storm off the island of Qais in the Gulf on Saturday night, it was announced here.

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Student who set self alight in Riga arrives with family

RIGA (Reuters). — Ilya Ripps, the Jewish student who set himself alight in Riga's main square three and a half years ago to protest against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, arrived in Israel yesterday, with his parents.

Student who set self alight in Riga arrives with family



Ilya Ripps and his mother after their arrival. (Israel Sun)

U.S. urged to fight U.N. move on Jerusalem

NEW YORK (INA). — A New York Congressman has urged the U.S. delegation to the U.N. to resist the "onesidedness" on the matter of Jerusalem — if necessary, with the exercise of its veto.

Arab Federal P.M. for Cairo today

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Ahmed al-Khatib, Prime Minister of the tripartite Arab Federation, will leave Damascus for Cairo today to take the constitutional oath before Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, head of the Federation.

4,000 soccer fans battle in Milan

MILAN (Reuters). — Police and carabinieri fighting tear gas grenades fought back 4,000 soccer fans trying to get into the packed San Siro Stadium here yesterday for the crucial league game between reigning champions Internazionale and current league leaders Juventus of Turin.

Chief Rabbi of France sees Pompidou

PARIS (INA). — France's Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan thanked President Pompidou personally on Saturday for intervening on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Nixon 'most admired' in U.S.

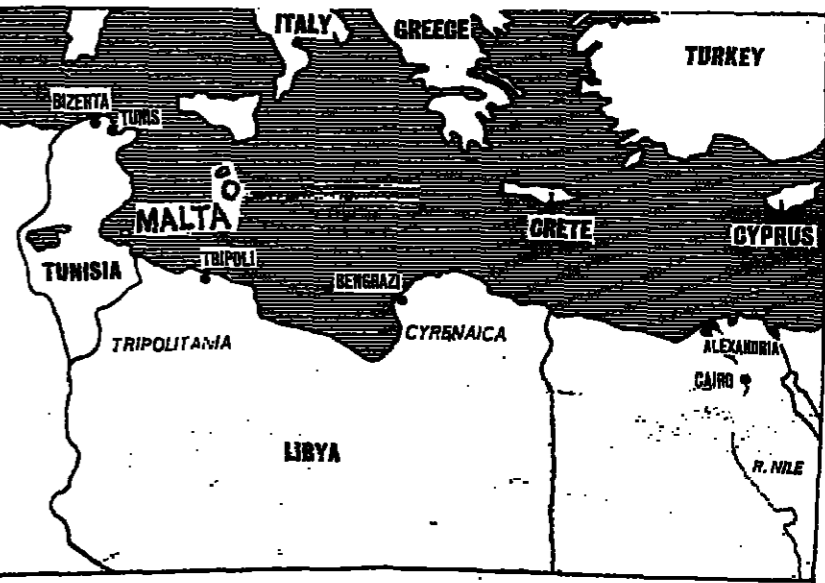
FRENCHTON, New Jersey (AP). — For the third straight year, President Nixon heads the list of men most admired by the American public, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

Cairo lifts ban on 'Israel books'

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt has decided to lift restrictions on foreign books written about Israel. The "decision will enable Egyptian readers to know everything about the enemy," a decree by Deputy Premier and Culture Minister Abdel Kader Hatem said.

Quake in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Reuters). — A series of earthquake shocks, including one strong tremor, shook Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, early yesterday.



Libyans 'fighting alongside Fatah'

TRIPOLI, Libya (Reuters). — Libyan commandos are fighting alongside Fatah terrorists in Israel, it was claimed here Saturday night. During a ceremony marking the seventh anniversary of the founding of Fatah, terrorist leader Yasser Arafat spoke of Libyan commandos "now fighting shoulder to shoulder with other commandos and participating in operations inside occupied lands."

Bhutto denies saying he will free Mujib

KARACHI (Reuters). — President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday denied he had told a reporter he would release Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the detained East Pakistani leader, unconditionally in "a couple of days."

PAKISTAN NATIONALIZES ITS MAJOR INDUSTRIES

NEW DELHI (AP). — Pakistani President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto nationalized the country's major industries yesterday but claimed that this will not affect foreign investment. In a statement he read over Radio Pakistan, Mr. Bhutto said the move was part of his pledge to the people to "implement important industrial reforms."

\$3 billion in paper gold is created

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The International Monetary Fund created about \$3,000 million in Special Drawing Rights — so-called "paper gold" — to facilitate international trade. The Special Drawing Rights (SDR) were divided among the more than 100 countries that belong to the fund, with the richest countries receiving the largest shares.

Lesotho frees 50 detainees

MASERU, Lesotho (Reuters). — The Lesotho government announced the release yesterday of 50 political detainees held in jail since a state of emergency was declared here almost two years ago.

White House advance party is due in Peking today

PEKING (Reuters). — A 25-man White House advance party will arrive here today to make technical arrangements for President Nixon's visit to China next month. The group, headed by a Brigadier-General and including Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler, left Washington on December 29 for a leisurely four-day flight to China via Hawaii and Guam, the route Mr. Nixon is expected to take.

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Their release means that all those ordered held in a period of political strife early in 1970 when results of a general election were declared invalid and the constitution was suspended, have now been released.

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Social and Personal

Prince and Princess Napoleon and their daughter yesterday were the luncheon guests of Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkat.

Mrs. Miriam Eshkol, chairman of the Israel Association of University Women, entertained the Ambassador of Guatemala, Miss Francesca Fernandez Hall, a member of the Association, to a farewell luncheon last Wednesday.

Dr. Uri Rappaport, senior lecturer in the Department of Jewish History, has been elected acting Dean of Humanities at Haifa University, effective January 1.

The Haifa Institute for Advanced Dental Education was last week host to a group of distinguished specialists from the U.S.: Drs. A. Cahn, E. Wanish, A. Kroll, J. Buchman, who gave a series of courses and lectures. Mr. Ritten, who accompanied the group, gave a course to dental technicians. The courses were sponsored by the Buchman-Chan Foundation of the U.S.

Dr. Stephen Zimmer of the Department of Infectious Diseases and Channing Laboratories, Boston City Hospital, Harvard Medical School, is to lecture on "Current Concepts in Urinary Tract Infections" today, at 8 p.m., in Lecture Hall Dale, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Elia Kerem, Jerusalem.

Professor Kenneth Holt, director, Wolfson Child Assessment Centre, Institute of Child Health, Hospital for Sick Children, London University, is to lecture on Tuesday, January 4, 12.30 p.m., at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Lecture Hall Gimmel, on "Planning and Management of a Child Assessment Centre" and on Wednesday, January 5, 8.00 p.m. at the Jerusalem Academy of Medicine, on "Evaluation of the Newborn and of the Child."

Heath to visit Poland

LONDON (Reuter). — British Prime Minister Edward Heath has accepted an invitation to pay an official visit to Poland, informed British sources said here yesterday.

The sources said that the invitation was received some time ago and the dates for the visit had yet to be fixed through diplomatic channels.

Polish and British Foreign Ministers have exchanged visits for talks, but this would be the first official visit by a British Prime Minister to Warsaw since World War II.

The sources said that so far Mr. Heath had no plans to visit any other Warsaw Pact country. He has, however, an outstanding invitation to go to Yugoslavia.

Swiss schoolteacher free from Soviet jail

ZURICH (Reuter). — Swiss schoolteacher Francois de Perregaux, 33, returned home from Moscow on Saturday after being expelled from the Soviet Union.

He had served less than half of a three-year sentence imposed by a Soviet court for trying to help a Russian to flee the country.

We deeply mourn the passing, on January 2, 1972, of my husband and our father

NATHAN TURK

The funeral will leave on January 3, 1972 from the Rothschild Hospital, Haifa, to the New Cemetery.

ILSE TURK
MOSHE, GEULA

Our beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather

JACK ODER

has died.
Ania Oder
Lily and Abraham Polad and children
and all the family.

The funeral will leave today, Monday, January 3, at 12 noon, from Tel Hashomer to Holon cemetery.

The unveiling of the tombstone of SHALOM FRIEDMAN

will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1972, at 3 p.m. at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem. All friends, "Landsett," and all those who cherish the memory of the deceased, are invited. The grave is located in Helkat Haperushim, section 8, block 3, row 12; grave No. 5.
His wife, Susan Friedman and the children

Hadassah Medical Organization Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School

announce that on the first anniversary of the death of

Prof. Emil Adler

Head, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Hadassah, Jerusalem, a memorial meeting will be held at his graveside at the Har Hamenuhot (Givat Shaul) Cemetery, tomorrow, January 4, 1972. Assembly at the cemetery gate at 1.30 p.m.

WEST BANKERS BEGIN MECCA PILGRIMAGE



Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari addresses a crowd of Moslem pilgrims gathered outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs yesterday.

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
ALL-ENBY BRIDGE. — Hundreds of Moslems set out yesterday across this bridge to start the 1,700-km. journey to Mecca in Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage, the Hajj, which is one of the five pillars of Islam.

The pilgrims came here from various parts of Judea and Samaria while some were from the Gaza Strip. The bulk of the would-be Hajjis arrived in a fleet of buses from Hebron, and nine of these buses were allowed to cross the span under special permits issued by the Israeli and the Jordanian authorities. Before crossing they exchanged their Israeli licence plates for Jordanian ones for the long voyage via Amman and the southern Saudi Arabian border. Scores of other pilgrims crossed the bridge on foot to take buses on the Jordanian side of the bridge.

Normal traffic of visitors and traders across the bridge went on as usual. The bridge mainly served large trucks carrying Gaza citrus produce to Jordan. The atmosphere at the bridge was relaxed. While travellers crossed in both directions, now and then

a Jordanian officer would call an Israel officer to his side of the bridge to discuss a specific point, or to ask that photographers not take pictures of Jordanians in uniform. The frequent chats, one of which included the Jericho Military Governor, were all held in friendly spirit, judging from the broad smiles exchanged.

Travellers appeared to be walking in each direction quite freely. In fact, there was a young Jordanian who, on trying to cross to the Israeli side of the bridge without a visa, said he did not know permits were still needed to move between the two banks of the Jordan river.

After he was told that his Jordanian passport was not sufficient, he produced a Brazilian identity card, but officials at the bridge insisted this was not enough either. He then produced a written invitation in Arabic for lunch at the Jerusalem Oriental restaurant, but this too was rejected.

The smartly dressed young man walked back sadly carrying his suitcase after shaking hands with two Israel soldiers and wishing the rest shalom. He said that in accordance with the procedures explained to him, he would send a message to his relatives here to obtain an entry permit.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the bridge, a group of Jordanian government officials and military personnel posed for a picture with the pilgrims in front of an Amman TV camera covering the events of the day on its side of the span.

The pilgrims began to flock in here in the early hours of the morning. In Hebron, over 800 were seen outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs by military government officials, Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari and a crowd of well-wishers. In his bon-voyage message, Sheikh Ja'abari urged the Hajjis to go to "the house of God" in Mecca filled with "good intentions and not evil ones."

The number of pilgrims from the territories is expected this year to exceed 2,500. Last year there were 1,800. The Hajj, which means "setting out" or "tending towards," will be performed on Id al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, which falls towards the end of this month. It is a religious obligation based on express injunctions in the Koran.

SLOW RETURN OF REFUGEES 15 die of cholera in Bangla Desh camp

DACCA. — Fifteen people have died in a suspected cholera outbreak at a jute mill here where some 30,000 Bihari Moslems have taken refuge.

Doctors at the mill clinic said yesterday that three or four new cases of cholera a day were being reported but most of them were being treated successfully. Red Cross officials visited the mill yesterday for the first time.

Meanwhile, repatriation of refugees from India to Bangla Desh proceeded slowly yesterday, but Indian officials said they were confident they could meet their timetable to send the nearly 10 million displaced persons home in about two months.

Col. P.N. Luthra, India's chief refugee relief officer, said in Calcutta that 650,000 refugees have crossed into Bangla Desh since Pakistani forces surrendered 17 days ago. He said the flow will soon increase sharply as the government

provides more trains, trucks, and boats to move the refugees, and as more start finding their own way home.

An average of 180,000 refugees will have to leave every day if the job is to be completed by the end of February as envisioned by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. But there was no sense of urgency yesterday at Bongaon Junction, a border station on the railroad line to the Bangla Desh cities of Jessore and Khulna.

Two trains, carrying fewer than 5,000 refugees, left Bongaon in a slow and seemingly unplanned evacuation. One train left in the morning. The other, with 21 cars, stood on a siding for hours as refugees straggled to the station.

Some came on trucks supplied by the United Nations, but most walked from nearby camps. Refugee families squatted along the tracks throughout the day cooking meals and washing themselves at a pump.

Others sat on the hard benches inside the coaches, waiting patiently until the train pulled out in mid-afternoon.

In New Delhi, Mrs. Gandhi said yesterday that India has no ambitions to become a "big power" despite its victory over Pakistan. "India stands for equality among nations," she declared at a public rally organized by her ruling Congress Party to hail her leadership.

"We do not want to threaten or pose a danger to any country. The big power concept as well as the concept of balance of power are outmoded." (Reuter, AP)

PAT NIXON WELCOMED TO LIBERIA

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP). — America's First Lady, Pat Nixon, received a warm, embracing ceremonial welcome, a 19-gun salute and the honour of reviewing Liberian troops as she arrived in Africa yesterday on a diplomatic mission unprecedented for a U.S. president's wife.

She came on a goodwill trip in the interest of world peace. "I feel it is terribly important to keep in touch with your neighbours in order to build world peace," she told reporters as she flew across the Atlantic Saturday night to head a U.S. delegation at the inauguration of Liberian President William Tubman Jr.

Mrs. Nixon said she was carrying personal letters and messages from President Nixon to the leaders of the three West African nations she will visit this week — Liberia, Ghana and the Ivory Coast. But she smilingly refused to divulge their contents.

She was greeted with kisses on both cheeks by President and Mrs. Tolbert at Roberts Field International Airport and was handed a bouquet of flowers by President Tolbert's granddaughter, Mrs. Nixon got the full ceremonial treatment usually reserved for top-ranking officials. It included reviewing the troops of the Liberian National Guards who stepped smartly to strains of the theme from the "Bridge on the River Kwai."

Zambia detainees on hunger strike

LUSAKA (Reuter). — Fifty-six members of the opposition United Progressive Party have been on hunger strike for the past five days at Kabwe, north of here, where they are being held under Zambian emergency regulations, it was reported yesterday.

The "Times of Zambia" said they were protesting against their detention, which began in September when they and more than 50 other Progressive Party members were held for alleged subversive activities.

The party is led by Mr. Simon Kapwepwe, a former Vice-President.

Goldmann urges Soviet: Set up Jewish bodies

LONDON (UPI). — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday he welcomed the decision of the Soviet Government to allow increasing numbers of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel, but called on the Kremlin to grant Jews a further freedom — the right to set up an institution to speak on their behalf to world Jewish organizations.

"At the same time I urge the world Jewish community to continue its demand for the right of Soviet Jews to develop their life and maintain their identity both religiously and nationally," Dr. Goldmann said in a telephone interview with the British news agency press association.

Now as before, he said, the key to the Jewish future was the State of Israel, "a new state and a new society and civilization." "I am happy that the Soviet Union, after a long period of denying Soviet Jews the right to go to Israel has finally recognized that even from its own point of view it should not continue to deny this right and is allowing increasing numbers of Soviet Jews to go to Israel," Dr. Goldmann said. He added that assimilation, not anti-Semitism, is now the greatest threat to continued survival of the Jewish People.

SOVIET: LIN IS DEAD

LONDON (Reuter). — "The Observer" reported yesterday that Russia is "definitely certain" that Chinese Defence Minister Lin Piao, official heir to Chairman Mao Tse-tung, is dead.

The paper's Moscow correspondent, Dev Muzika, also said that the Russians believe Liu Shao-chi, Mao's heir-apparent until his ouster at the start of the cultural revolution in 1966, died in Peking in November.

Lin Piao was largely dropped from public mention in China in early September. (No confirmation of "The Observer" report was available in Moscow yesterday.)

"The Observer" said that medical experts reconstructed the remains of a bullet-riddled body found in a Chinese aircraft which crashed in Soviet-dominated Mongolia in September. "They now feel reasonably certain that two of the bodies were those of Lin Piao and his second wife, Yeh Chun, although there seem to be some misgivings that they could be doubles planted by Peking," said the paper.

(Western diplomatic sources in Hongkong reported last month that millions of Chinese were being told that Lin Piao died in a plane crash while fleeing the country following his exposure as a plotter seeking the overthrow of Mao.)

The sources, quoting travellers and refugees from China, said Communist officials were holding special meetings to tell the people that Lin Piao tried to kill Mao on three occasions.

(An editorial printed in major Chinese papers on Saturday returned to Liu Shao-chi as a swindler but made no mention of Lin Piao.)

"The Observer" said the Russians predict trouble ahead for Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, who may be held responsible "if President Nixon's much heralded visit to Peking in February does not produce results satisfactory to Mao."

Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo announces the following vacancies:

- Tender No. Mem-Het/1338 for Director of Nephrology Dept. of the "Hadassah" Municipal Government Hospital. Grade: Chief, Doctors' scale. Final date for submitting applications: February 10, 1972.
- Tender No. Mem-Het/1339 for Specialist in the Gastroenterology Institute in the Municipal Government Hospital. Grade: In accordance with qualifications. Final date for submitting applications: February 10, 1972.
- Tender No. Mem-Het/1345 for two vacancies for house physician or second assistant or first assistant in the Children's Dept. in the Municipal Government Hospital. Grade: In accordance with qualifications. Final date for submitting applications: February 10, 1972.
- Tender No. Mem-Het/1394 for a Maintenance Engineer for the pipe network of the Water Supply and Street Lighting Dept./Water Supply Division. Grade: In accordance with qualifications. Final date for submitting applications: January 18, 1972.

Further particulars concerning the above tenders have been posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipality's Personnel Department, Municipal Edifice, Kikar Ma'achel Yisrael, and at Municipal Information Bureaus. Applications on "Applicant for Vacant Position questionnaire," with curriculum vitae and qualifying certificates enclosed, should be submitted to the Personnel Department in a sealed envelope marked with the tender number. Questionnaire forms may be obtained in person or by post from the Personnel Department, or at Municipal Information Bureaus. Applications without the required certificates will not be considered. YEHOASHA BAHINOWITZ Mayor

Nixon on TV as U.S. presidential race speeds up

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Presidential politics are moving into high gear in the U.S. with President Nixon giving an hour-long live television interview last night and Senator Edmund Muskie due to declare his candidacy tomorrow.

While Mr. Nixon may delay formal announcement of his re-election bid a little longer, the television interview is an opportunity to put a gloss on his record of the past three years and outline his future plans.

Senator Muskie, Democrat, Maine, has perhaps the best chance of capturing the presidency from Mr. Nixon next November.

While it is assumed by everyone, including the President's staff, that he will seek a second four-year term (Mr. Nixon may hold off for some weeks before declaring himself a candidate, observers believe. Senator Muskie, the soft-spoken son of Polish immigrants, has been quietly preparing for months to wrest the Democratic nomination from a long list of rivals that includes former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, who lost to Mr. Nixon in 1968. The middle of the road Senator Muskie, who was Senator Humphrey's vice-presidential running mate four years ago, has been the generally acknowledged front-runner among Democrats for more than a year.

Only Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, who has repeatedly insisted that he is not a candidate, has matched Senator Muskie in popularity polls among Democrats.

Now that the field of Democrats has widened, Senator Muskie is faced with the task of maintaining momentum.

In the view of most observers, he must win convincingly in New Hampshire, bordering on his home state, to give impetus to his campaign.

Senator Muskie's opponents in New Hampshire will include Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, who has been officially a candidate for a year, but who has had difficulty in stirring support except among those on the left fringes of the Democratic Party.

Two of Senator Muskie's biggest rivals — Senator Humphrey and the moderately conservative Senator Henry Jackson of Washington — are skipping New Hampshire, preferring to challenge the Senator from Maine on more neutral ground.

Senator Humphrey, who says he believes his chances of winning the presidency are much greater than when he narrowly lost last time, will formally declare his candidacy on January 10, when he will indicate this strategy for winning his party nomination a second time.

U.S. planes try to slow Laos offensive

SAIGON. — U.S. B52 heavy bombers are being used in an operation aimed at slowing a North Vietnamese dry season offensive in northern Laos, military sources disclosed yesterday.

Sources said the B52s have been launching attacks for the past 10 days in northern Laos in support of the CIA-supported guerrilla army of General Vang Pao.

The North Vietnamese reportedly have committed 15,000 to 20,000 troops, the equivalent of three divisions, to the offensive. Despite U.S. air support of all types, the North Vietnamese overran the Plain of Jars 10 days ago and now are threatening Vang Pao's headquarters at Long Cheng, 125 kms. northeast of Vientiane.

The CIA has evacuated its sophisticated electronics equipment from Long Cheng as a precautionary move. The U.S. Command yesterday said

there were no U.S. tactical fighter-bomber or B52 strikes in South Vietnam, and sources reported that heavy American air attacks were being concentrated in Laos.

These sources said about 400 fighter-bomber strikes and 60 B52 strategic strikes were down in Laos Saturday and yesterday against North Vietnamese supply lines leading to several fronts in Indochina and in support of royal Laotian forces.

Radio Hanoi reported yesterday that the U.S. suffered its first air loss of 1972 over North Vietnam when gunners Saturday shot down an American plane over Nam Dinh Province.

While attention continued to focus on the Indochina air war, U.S. military command records showed that the U.S. closed out 1971 with the heaviest tactical aircraft losses since prior to the bombing halt on November 1, 1968. (AP, Reuter)

Soviet more aggressive in M.E.—'N.Y. Times'

NEW YORK (INA). — The "New York Times" reported from Beirut on Saturday that the Soviet Union, apparently encouraged by the success of its support for India, has shown signs of pursuing a more aggressive policy in the Middle East.

The story said observers in Beirut thought the Russians now intended to compete with China in sponsoring the terrorist groups and Marxists in Arab countries.

Terrorist sources said little about reports from Washington that the Soviet Union had offered to train terrorists in Russia and to provide treatment for those terrorists seriously hurt in action against Israel. The offer was reportedly made to Yasser Arafat when he visited Moscow last October.

"Informed sources" were quoted as saying that the Soviet Union has for some time been training officers of the Palestine Liberation Army. The terrorists in Jordan have also been receiving weapons from both the Soviets and the Chinese since the Jordanian crackdown.

Observers said Arafat's visit to Moscow had improved Pata's relations with the Soviets but they believe Soviet military aid to the terrorists would be given indirectly through other Communist countries and through Syria and Egypt. The story said that in Beirut the improvement in terrorist ties with the Soviets is regarded as a challenge to the Chinese influence among the terrorists.

To Mr. and Mrs. George P. Taussig warmest congratulations on the birth of their first grandchild

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Friends, acquaintances and all those who rejoiced with us on the birth of our quadruplets are cordially invited.

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Riots in Iraq as Iranians expelled

TEHRAN. — The number of Iranians expelled from Iraq on Sunday, according to reports from the Iraqi post of Khosrovli. Many of the refugees brought reports of a riot in Khabela, Najaf and Kassa in Iraq, in which at least 14 persons died. The riots began as demonstrations staged to pay tribute to the expulsions of the Iranians, the sources said.

The sources claimed the Iranian regime has clamped martial law on towns where many of the quarter million Iranians in Iraq are living. Tehran Radio reported that refugees from Iraq were arriving at the border shivering in below zero temperatures and suffering from days without food.

Iraq severed relations with Iran early last month after Iranian forces had occupied the three Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Greater and Lesser Tumb. (AP, Reuter)

Feisal receives boxer Ali

AMMAN (Reuter). — King Feisal of Saudi Arabia yesterday received former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali in Riyadh, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

In a report broadcast by Saudi Radio monitored here, the agency said Ali, accompanied by Prince Feisal Ben Fahd ben Abdul-Aziz, Secretary-General of Youth Welfare, also met Prince Salman Ben Abdul-Aziz, the Governor of Riyadh. (It added that Muhammad Ali and Prince Salman had a cordial conversation and discussed the importance of the Islamic religion.)

"I am proud to be a member of the Islamic nation," Ali was quoted as saying.

Sudan gets a political party

KHARTOUM. — President Numeiry yesterday officially inaugurated the Sudanese Socialist Union, the country's only political party.

Emperor, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, representatives of Arab countries, and of China, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Guinea and Tanzania attended the ceremony.

Addressing the gathering, Numeiry said that the revolution was proceeding to place authority in the hands of the people. "This is one of our glorious days, through which we enter the democratic construction phase."

Political parties were banned in Sudan after the May 1968 army-backed revolution in which General Numeiry came to power. (UPI, Reuter)

27 killed in crash of Philippine bus

MANILA (AP). — A passenger bus fell from a precipice in the mountain province of northern Luzon Saturday, killing at least 27 persons, the Philippine News Service reported yesterday.

The news agency said more than 30 others were injured, many critically.

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Streamlining the process of preparing for decision

Changes in the mechanism the Foreign Ministry uses to advise its Minister are one of the plans of Director-General MORDECHAI GAZIT, reports The Post's YA'ACOV REUEL.



did not require Israel to negotiate on the basis of any preconditions. "A slightly odd explanation, to be sure, but the question is, what should we do with it? Should we file and forget it? Or should we rather, say, call in the ambassador from that West European country for a sort of 'bull session' in the Ministry — they use a lot of it in the State Department in Washington, where I once served as minister in our embassy — and have a heart-to-heart talk with him, never mind how long, in the course of which his government's errors will be pointed out to him in full, and the rightness of our course will be set out in complete detail. And then have the same process, more or less, repeated in the ambassador's own capital by our ambassador there, and finally have our people sound out the other West European governments which voted the same way to discover whether they also felt the same way. Personally I'm all for that."

Weight of resolution

"Why?" asks Mr. Gazit. "Because if it turns out that a goodly number of responsible governments voted for the resolution on the understanding that it did not say that which it seemed to say, then the resolution loses whatever weight it might otherwise possess in getting negotiations under way between us and the Egyptians."

"Mind you," adds Mr. Gazit, "I'm not minimizing the role of imperatives and unknowns in the making of foreign policy. There is, for example, a question, vitally relevant to our concerns, about the direction of U.S. global strategy these days. I myself doubt whether the American President — any American president, in fact — would agree to lower his country's 'profile' to such a degree as to create the feeling among Soviet rulers that 'anything goes,' and that they need not worry about U.S. reaction to whatever they decided to do. I also doubt whether Washington would buy Moscow's 'piecemeal' solution of the world's problems, rather than insist on a 'package deal' in which all the pieces would be neatly tied up in the string of American interests."

"This is an educated hunch, of course, but I can't conceive of the man in the White House shrinking from a course of action he considers necessary for the protection of American interests, even if in the process he incurs some unpopularity. I don't believe that the tendency towards a 'fortress America,' however widespread it may be today, represents current strategic thinking in the U.S. But this is not a theorem that can be proved mathematically, of course."

"In the fall of 1969, you may remember, the Americans very nearly struck a deal with the Russians on the Middle East. I'm still waiting for a reasoned explanation why the agreement was not consummated. Maybe the Americans themselves are not sure. When it comes to the Russians, the number of unknowns rises staggeringly, of course."

"I also can't tell you — I wish I knew — why Dr. Jarring came up with his memorandum last February. He must have thought that he had good reasons to act as he did, yet our response was a surprise to him. This was surprising, since we had made no secret of our position in the discussions with him. It is still a mystery."

"And then, too, as a general rule, speaking methodologically, if I may, to err — even blunder to the point of incongruity, sometimes — is after all only human. We must not underestimate the capacity of mere flesh and blood to act even against their own interests. But all this does not absolve us from the duty of attempting a rational calculus of the tactical options for Israel's foreign policy."

At this point, a veteran Post staffer demurred. Mr. Gazit's reformist sentiments had a somewhat familiar ring. Somewhat ruefully, Mr. Gazit conceded that, yes, his predecessors in the post had probably felt the same. Indeed, the outgoing Director-General, Mr. Gideon Rafael, had told him just the other day that this was precisely the kind of result he would have liked to get out of the Ministry — the ability to see ahead. "All I can say," said Mr. Gazit, "is come back in a year's time, and we'll see what has, in fact, changed."

...fence-sitting observers, the inner workings of the Foreign Ministry have long taken on a somewhat messy aspect. Senior officials appeared to have little time for careful analysis, considered assessment, and detailed planning of policies. Overwhelmed by an ocean of paperwork they seemed barely able to hold their heads above the surging torrents of daily dispatches — to survey the scenery soberly, and to propose thoughtful conclusions. While the overall national goals may have been fairly well-defined — these were, in any event, the responsibility of the Cabinet, and in some measure the Knesset as a whole, rather than of the Ministry — the concrete measures taken to implement them would all too often bear the earmarks of haphazard improvised response to a foreign challenge.

Now it turns out that this, roughly, is also the view of knowledgeable insiders, even though they'll doubtless object that the picture is rather overdrawn. In any case, the Ministry's new Director-General, Mordechai Gazit, who took over yesterday, is determined to redraw the picture. At a meeting with The Post's editorial staff last week, Mr. Gazit said he was perfectly satisfied with the way the traditional executive functions of the Ministry were being carried out — routine contacts with foreign governments, consular work abroad, coordination of foreign activities with other ministries at home.

"What has been most sorely missing in our work," he says, "is procedures that would allow the use of the Ministry as an instrument for policy recommendation. We should, I think, be organized in such a way as to be able to sift the incoming material, analyze it properly, and work it into a series of reasoned alternative tactical options, for carrying out Government policy, each with its own 'cost' clearly spelled out so that the Minister can then take his pick from among the lot. This should be done as a matter of routine — it is, in fact, the standard operating procedure in the Army today, and I can't for the life of me see why we should be lagging behind the military in this respect."

The 49-year-old new Director-General has spent nearly all his working adult life in the service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After graduating from the Hebrew University, with a major in archaeology,

he prepared for a diplomatic career by enrolling in the select "school for diplomats" set up by the Jewish Agency in 1947. Before joining the Ministry, this Haganah veteran saw battle as company commander in the Jerusalem area during the War of Independence; he was in charge of reinforcements to the Old City at a critical state in the defense of the Jewish quarter. And he has retained a great respect for the armed establishment. In preparing for his new job he picked some top army along with civilian brains for suggestions on organization.

"He is known as a stickler for professionalism — not the formal trappings, which he scorns, but the uncompromising thoroughness."

Action in crisis

There is an adage which says that the only thing that lends itself to planning in the Foreign Ministry is the timing of crises — always at the wrong time. Mr. Gazit wryly disagrees. The timing is unimportant, he claims.

"Take the case of an oil tanker bound for Israel which is suddenly attacked by Arab terrorists at Bab el-Mandeb, and at the worst possible time — on a Friday. Now I see no earthly reason why we should wait for the attack to occur in order to start scratching our heads over such questions as who should be invited to take part in a panel to discuss the emergency, and who among them should be assign-

ed to prepare which position paper on precisely what topic. All this could easily have been done far in advance — not every detail, of course, since the number of possible contingencies is virtually infinite, but the general contours of the case could have been drawn up ahead of time. This kind of thing would enable us to come up, a very short while after the attack, with a number of well-argued tactical options for the Minister's consideration. It is not our business to determine policy, certainly, but we must be in a position to propose alternative tactics.

"And another thing. This Ministry ought, in my opinion, to adopt a clear-cut operational doctrine. There must be recognized principles to govern our work: at the top of the list I'd place the principle of the diplomacy of perseverance — in simple language, the idea that you don't abandon a job until you've seen it through to completion. This may strike you as a truism, but I'm afraid that in our line of work, at least, it isn't."

"For example: after the voting on the Afro-Asian resolution in the General Assembly last month — on getting us back to the Jarring talks on the basis of the Feb. 8 memorandum — the representative of a certain West European country which was among the yes-sayers came up to our delegation with the apologetic explanation that they had voted the way they had because, in their understanding, the resolution



Egyptian soldiers busy at work on a landing ramp on their side of the Suez Canal last week. The wall of sandbags, centre, would be pushed down by Egyptian armoured vehicles in the event of an attempted crossing of the waterway. (Israel Sun)

Right: Alexandre de Marenche, right, Director of the S.D.E.C.E., the counter-espionage service, presents members of his staff to President Georges Pompidou, centre, during a New Year reception at the Elysee Palace in Paris. Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas is on the left. (AP radiophoto)



Below: Indian soldiers on their way back to India, right, pass a truck loaded with refugees returning to Bangla Desh on Saturday. The truckload of refugees was one of the small groups that began the trek back home on the new year. (AP radiophoto)



Pakistanis seemed set to leave East when war broke out

By A. B. MUSA

DACCA (ANS) — EVIDENCE is being unearthed here to suggest that the Islamabad government was preparing to withdraw from East Pakistan when the war started. In the past three months many of the movable resources of the East wing, now Bangla Desh, were transferred to the West.

Banknotes were burned in all banks, mill and factory machinery was dismantled and much of it was removed to Karachi and Lahore. More than 20,000 public and private

vehicles were also shipped to West Pakistan.

Army officers and civilian officials arriving here after October did not bring their families. Those whose families were already here sent them home in early October. A local army officer, who had been serving here for the past nine months, said that all industries were crippled systematically and the economy deliberately ruined by the Pakistan Army.

According to the latest estimates, private and Government property damaged during nine months amounts to about \$2,000 m. The most damage was inflicted on roads,

bridges, railway and river communications. The new Bangla Desh government now finds that there is no money in the banks to meet the cost of day-to-day administrative expenses.

All securities, gold and other negotiable bonds had been transferred to West Pakistan. Imports to East Pakistan were diverted to West Pakistan from October.

In mid-November, Pakistan withdrew two divisions of its army from the East; they had arrived here between July and September. Most of the civilian aircraft were flown to Burma from Dacca and Chittagong in November. Among them were two Boeing 707s, five Fokker Friendship and four Twin Otter planes.

Simple funeral for Chevalier

PARIS (Reuter). — Maurice Chevalier, who died here of a heart attack on Saturday night at the age of 83, is to have a simple and strictly private funeral on Wednesday, his secretary said yesterday.

Chevalier, the actor-singer who charmed audiences all over the world, will be buried near his home in the Paris suburb of Marne la Coquette after a service at a local church.

He will be buried next to his mother, whom he adored. He once said: "Any of my good qualities come from my mother."

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The Moshav Bill and the right to change one's mind

THE Cooperative Societies Bill, popularly dubbed the "Moshav Bill" (because its most controversial sections concern the moshav, or cooperative village) will be introduced to the Knesset this afternoon by Labour Minister Yosef Almog. Mr. Abramov, its leading critic, has been deputized to open the debate for the Opposition.

It is the longest bill ever submitted to the Knesset, having more clauses (357) than there are days in the Hebrew year. That reflects its long history. It was tabled in the Fifth Knesset, but never reached the first reading. Presented again to the Sixth Knesset, it passed its first reading, but was bogged down in committee.

A clause has been introduced this time to secure support of the National Religious Party. And this leads to the heart of the bitter controversy that has dogged the bill from its beginning. It concerns the essential nature of a moshav.

Town life is based on the individual; kibbutz life is based on the collective. The moshav is between-and-between. Mr. Abramov is firm on which comes first. "It is a village, within whose confines there exists a cooperative," he states.

Dispute in terms

Old-timers in the movement do not see it that way. They say the village is the cooperative. And the cooperatives, in the moshavim, are grouped into cooperatives of cooperatives — such as Tuva, which markets the output of all villages affiliated to the Hlatsdrut, and Tuval HaMoshavim, their central or parent organization. For 50 years this cooperative system was the unwritten rule; until, with the increasing complexity of modern life, members started breaking the rule. Some villages wanted to make their own marketing arrangements. Some settlers preferred to work in town, employing others to till the farm. It was decided that the time had come to enforce discipline by giving the rules a written, statutory form. And here came the parting of the ways.

Mr. Abramov believes that the necessary legislation already exists. In 1967 the Knesset passed a law empowering the Minister of Agriculture to displace a farmer from State land if he neglects his allotment. That is sufficient, according to Mr. Abramov. But it was not sufficient for the moshav Establishment, and they sponsored another bill, the one now under consideration — which gives them the kind of powers that ought by right to belong to the State. It is a far cry, in Mr. Abramov's opinion, from the principles of voluntary cooperation.

The clash is between the old Russian view (which antedates the Bolshevik revolution) that society predominates over the individual, and the liberal Western view that society serves the individual. The Moshav Bill lays down that if a member breaks the rules, he can be expelled from the settlement. What rules? The rules of the contract any rules that the moshav sees fit to introduce into its charter, provided they are approved by the Labour Minister.

Double jeopardy

The moshav can specifically expel a member if he has been in the habit of disturbing the peace and has been sentenced for it in court. Mr. Abramov, an advocate by profession, is indignant. If a man has been tried in court and punished for the offence, how can he be penalized a second time? Supporters of the bill believe that a brotherhood of the moshav, linked in the intimacy of a cooperative society, should be en-

The Moshav Bill, due to be tabled in the Knesset today, "violates basic human rights. In the U.S., it would be thrown out as unconstitutional," said Gahal M.K. ZALMAN ABRAMOV, in an interview with The Post's DAVID KRIVINE.

itled, if they wish, to debar a member from their community if he is a convicted felon. But Mr. Abramov sees the moshav as a village, a municipal entity, a geographical location. It is intolerable that private people should be given the statutory right to hound a man out of his house and home.

If he lives and works outside the village without the moshav's consent, that is another ground for expulsion. But suppose he wants to study at a university for a number of years, or to try his hand at some urban activity, and suppose that his wife and sons cultivate the farm satisfactorily — what business is it of the moshav to eject him?

We put the question to Mr. Yair Yalir, Registrar of Cooperative Societies in the Labour Ministry. He points out that, first, the moshav are not obliged to expel; secondly, they would need a two-thirds majority to do so under the statute; and thirdly, the injured party has the right of appeal to a court of justice. Apart from which, Mr. Yalir thinks the moshav would not be entitled to expel this particular offender, since his wife and children are members of the moshav in their own right, therefore his farm is being cultivated by recognized partners in the cooperative.

A closer look at the text shows, however, that the bill allows a man's expulsion "if he is owner of the farm and does not work in it."

Ideology

Most questionable of all are the clauses which permit expulsion for ideological reasons, and they have roused a storm of debate. Without these provisions, religious parties will not support the bill; with them the bill has become obnoxious to liberal-minded men. There are two clauses. One states that in a moshav which has officially adopted the religious way of life in its charter, a member may be expelled "for habitually contravening to public the moshav's religious way of life."

The other clause gives as sufficient reason for expulsion "the practice of contravening obligations, whose violation has been approved as a ground for expulsion in a general assembly by a two-thirds majority of all members, and by the Minister."

There is a clause which states that despite the above, a man may not be expelled "for his opinions or his party membership"; which tends support to Mr. Yalir's opinion that expulsion of a man with heretical views is in practice almost impossible, provided he does not offend the religious susceptibilities of his neighbours — let us say, by driving his car on the Sabbath.

Yet there seems a lot of room still for dragging people's private lives, and for enforcing conformity. The lone wolf who goes against the majority of his fellow-villagers will have a thin time under this law. And how much real freedom of opinion can a young person possess, born in a religious Moshav moshav, where to be religious or to be Mafren is part of the community's constitution? How is he to hear the other side?

This is not a new problem in Israel's politically affiliated settlements. But it is new, Mr. Abramov declares, to give it the sanction of law. There is worse to come. Anything the moshav happens, once in a blue moon, to put into its charter (with Ministerial approval) becomes a vested interest. It cannot be changed except by a majority of 75 per cent. One-quarter of the members can freeze the religious or ideological status quo. A bare majority, even a two-thirds majority cannot alter it.

'Double blow'

"This devastating provision cancels the basic human right to change your mind," Mr. Abramov proclaims. A new generation cannot legally alter the decision of their fathers, so long as an entrenched minority remains obstinately conservative. It is a double blow against human freedom, since "A contract which binds a person on a matter of conscience should itself be illegal. In England, if you were to sign an undertaking to vote Labour under pain of damages, that undertaking would not be enforceable in a court of law," he said.

Under the Moshav Bill power comes from above, not from below. Just as the moshav dominates the individual member, so the parent organization dominates the moshav. The moshav is registered with the parent organization whose services it has been using, say, Tuval HaMoshavim — unless it demands a plebiscite (among its members) within 45 days. Failing a negative vote, it is wedded to the parent organization for the next decade.

Meanwhile the parent organization is represented on the moshav committee by an associate member, who has between one-quarter and one-third of the voting power, depending on the topic under discussion. He can impose subjects on the agenda, veto decisions of the committee, and the committee is powerless. Its only recourse is to order a plebiscite of all members.

Powers of state

The aim is to make sure that the moshav abides by cooperative society principles. Mr. Abramov believes that such supervisory powers belong to the State and should be exercised by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies — by Mr. Yalir, in fact. But the bill gives veto powers for another reason too. The associate member may suspend a decision of the general assembly of members "if it counters cooperative society principles or the general objectives of the associate member" (our italics). This suspension does not apply if the decision was taken by a three-quarters majority; otherwise the issue has to be referred for arbitration to a three-man panel; one representing the associate member, one the moshav majority, and a chairman they choose jointly. If they cannot agree on a choice, the chairman is nominated by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

In general terms, the bill does protect individual rights; but it trenches the authorities. Though they are elected bodies, that is, appointed by the parties which win



ZALMAN ABRAMOV, M.K.

Israeli ship washed off Spain sandbar

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — The 3,000-ton Israeli freighter, M.S. Bat Snagir, which ran aground on a sandbank outside Barcelona Harbour on December 3, was washed off the bank "by a giant wave" at midnight New Year's eve.

The foreign stand-by crew aboard, though taken by surprise by the unexpected release, did not lose their heads despite the New Year celebrations. They got the engines running and sailed the Bat Snagir safely into the port. Mr. Yehuda Ofer, director of the Ofer Brothers Company, the owners, told the Post yesterday.

All efforts to remove the ship from the sandbank with the aid of tugs had failed. Almost all the cargo had been removed for greater buoyancy but this too had proved of no avail. She had been carrying Israeli exports: 1,000 tons of phosphate fertilizers, most of which were thrown overboard and 500 tons of general cargo, which was unloaded onto lighters.

Mr. Ofer said that on Friday, four weeks after the ship ran aground, the owners had given up hope for her recovery. The owners and the insurers had intended to declare the ship a total loss and abandon her on the sandbank today, when work resumed in Spain following the New Year week-end.

It now seems that the ship did not suffer serious damage as she had been lodged on soft sand. But when work is resumed this morning, she will undergo a thorough check and any repairs that may be necessary.

Indonesia frees 20,000 Communists

JAKARTA (Reuter). — The release as a New Year gesture of more than 20,000 Communist prisoners is the most sweeping step yet taken by the Indonesian Government in its cautious handling of the country's multitude of political detainees.

President Suharto in a New Year message announced the release of all Communist prisoners in the "C" category — those only indirectly involved in the 1965 abortive Communist coup attempt. Most are low-level members of Communist organizations.

More than 150,000 people were rounded up in a country-wide purge following the coup attempt and many thousands are still being held without trial six years after their arrest.

By last August the number of Communist detainees had decreased to 45,000, including 22,000 "C" class prisoners.

Army officials had complained they were being allocated insufficient funds to feed the prisoners, held in about 850 prisons throughout Indonesia.

They also said that many released Communists were reluctant to return home because they were threatened by local people who had become strongly anti-Communist.

Annual tests proposed for private pilots

LOD AIRPORT. — The Civil Aviation Authority has recommended that civilian pilots, in addition to having to undergo annual health tests, be subjected to an annual flying test as well.

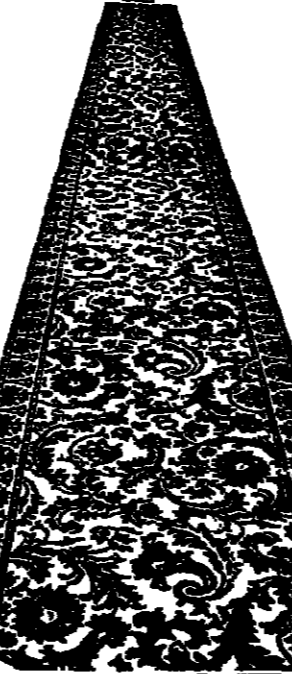
At present only those pilots employed by commercial companies have to undergo flying tests, while the holders of private licences are only checked once every two years.

The Authority also recommended to the Minister of Transport that the number of hours a private pilot has to stay in the air in order to maintain his licence be increased from the present 40 per year. The Authority did not mention by how many hours it should be increased; but it said it felt that, if the number of fatal accidents by small aircraft is to be cut down, more hours in the air by amateur pilots are essential.

Meanwhile, the commission of inquiry into the fatal Cessna crash last Saturday is continuing. (Times)

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Knesset staff complain of maladministration

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Disaffection is rife among Knesset staff about a series of alleged administrative irregularities on the part of one or two senior officials. The staff claim that the responsible Knesset authorities have not dealt forcefully with them.

The Knesset Clerk-designate, Mr. Netanel Lorch — who will be formally introduced to parliamentary correspondents tonight by Speaker Reuven Barkat — will have to investigate these allegations once he takes over from outgoing Clerk Haim Lior on April 1. Mr. Lorch actually started working yesterday, at the beginning of a three-month running-in period.

Mr. Barkat is expected to answer correspondents' questions about the allegations at his press conference tonight. The allegations refer to irregular procedures in the purchase of scores of thousands of pounds worth of equipment and the assignment of scores of thousands of pounds worth of work to outside contractors, without a tender.

One staff member, who told me he wished to remain anonymous on the grounds that some of his colleagues had been victimized for their complaints, said: "Nearly all of us are demoralized because some senior officials are running the Knesset in a manner that defies all accepted management practice, and are also abusing their administrative authority in a petty manner."

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And, in the meantime, the roof of the new building still leaks. Following last week's rain, mould has appeared on at least one wall, in the press section.

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Staff disaffection came to light recently, when complaints against senior officials resulted in the Speaker appointing two Knesset Members to conduct separate investigations. Deputy Speaker Ben-Zion Keshet (Gahal) submitted his report to the Speaker some days ago, but the staff committee complained that Mr. Barkat was willing to make public only sections of the report. (The probe by Deputy Speaker Shlomo Rosen (Alignment-Mapan) is still under way.)

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One staff source told me that two employees who had complained about irregularities — one in regard to manpower management and the other in regard to finances — had been arbitrarily suspended.

The same source said that 10 employees of one section were threatening sanctions over an alleged plan by their superior to resign and become a private contractor servicing all the Knesset's needs in that field. The 10 employees allege that their chief plans to get them all dismissed, so that he can rehire them on his own terms to work for him instead of for the Knesset administration.

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Tamar Bar-Lev waves happily to photographers as she and her husband, former Chief of Staff Haim Bar-Lev, walk along Tel Aviv's Rehov Ha Givrol yesterday.



Newly appointed Chief of Staff Ben-Ali David Elazar and his wife are shown leaving Beit Sokolov, in Tel Aviv, yesterday, where they were the luncheon guests of the Editors' Committee.

West Bank college opens

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HEBRON. — Mayor Mohammed Ali Ja'abari yesterday opened here the West Bank's first Institute of Islamic Studies. The college aims to train high school students for religious duties. It will be officially inaugurated later this month.

Forty students, 25 of them girls, have enrolled so far. The staff of 10 is headed by the area Kadis (religious judges), most of whom were educated at Cairo's Al-Azhar University.

Kollek: Gahal acts like opposition

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday accused Gahal of acting like an opposition party in Jerusalem — although it is a member of the Municipal Council coalition. The situation, he said, could not continue.

In an open letter to local Gahal leader Haim Corfu, Mr. Kollek cited recent reports in the press of "discrimination" from municipal policies attributed to the Gahal branch in Jerusalem. "You appear in the newspapers every so often as the sole defendants, as it were, of the unity of Jerusalem, and as the impediment to pro-Arab policies of Meron Benvenisti and myself. I cannot agree to a situation whereby you profit from the partnership (in the coalition) on the one hand and, on the other, attempt to build yourself up as a nationalistic opposition safeguarding the soul of the Jewish nation. There is a lack of fairness and honesty on your part in attacking Meron Benvenisti, because this is interpreted as a considered attack on me and on the Municipality as a whole."

Mr. Corfu said last night he saw no reason for Mr. Kollek's "sensitivity." He said the Mayor was apparently referring to recent reports of discussions within the Herut faction of Gahal in which Mr. Benvenisti, in charge of East Jerusalem affairs for the Municipality, was attacked for his efforts to save an Arab house, weakened by archaeological excavations, from being destroyed. "Mr. Kollek should only refer to formal statements, not internal party discussions," Mr. Corfu said.

Bullion theft suspect remanded

LYDDA. — El Al bus driver Raymond Azulai was yesterday remanded in custody for seven days, accused of stealing the consignment of gold which disappeared a month ago from a London-Lod flight.

Police investigations discovered IL60,000 in the accused's bank account and a further IL20,000 at his home in cheques and cash. Azulai claims he won the money in card games in East Jerusalem.

El Al has set up a commission of inquiry. The company spokesman said its results would be passed on to the police. The driver has meanwhile been suspended. (Nina)

Parcel bomb reaches factory

A parcel arriving at a factory yesterday was found to contain an explosive device. The parcel, which was marked "Desk Diary," was sent to the factory, which carries out work for the Defence Ministry. It aroused suspicion and a police sapper was summoned. The sapper opened the parcel and later exploded it.

GUATEMALA AID

The Cabinet yesterday ratified a general convention for technical cooperation with Guatemala.

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Bar-Lev praises the press

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TEL AVIV. — The former chief of staff, Mr. Haim Bar-Lev, has lauded the "staunch moral support" of the press during the war of attrition which he said helped soldiers to rough it out in the long period when he and his men were being shot at in the night. Mr. Bar-Lev was addressing the Daily Newspaper Editors Committee at a luncheon at Beit Sokolov yesterday, to mark the changing of the guard at the top of the Israel Defence Forces.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. Moshe Dayan, was among those present. Mr. Ted Lurie, editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, presided.

Mr. Bar-Lev said the press erred in speculating on the personality changes in the army "simply because you do not have all the facts."

Bar-Lev David Elazar, the new chief of staff, said he would like to be "the chief of staff of peace," as the editors hoped he would be. "But whatever happens, I hope the army will be in form."

Begin to London for Herut meeting

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Herut chairman Menachem Begin is scheduled to fly to London next Sunday for a two-day visit. Mr. Begin will be the main speaker at a conference of Herut supporters in the British Zionist Movement, and will appear in a number of newspaper, TV and radio interviews.

This will be the first "proper" visit of the former commander of Irgun Zvai Leumi to Great Britain since he emerged from the underground fight against British forces in Mandatory Palestine. Circles close to Mr. Begin said last night that, despite the efforts to stop his visit (by new Arab Labour M.P. Christopher Mayhew), the Herut leader does not expect any trouble from that direction.

The absence of Mr. Begin will provide an excuse for the Gahal leadership to postpone any thorough probe of the causes of the tension between the Herut and Liberal partners in Gahal.

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ARRIVAL

The editor-in-chief and managing director of the Paris Daily "L'Asseur," Mr. Roland, will visit as guest of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Leonard Suss, during his stay in Jerusalem. Mr. Yehuda Halman, director of the Conference of Jewish Organizations, on a private visit.

'Black Hebrews' say he was registered as a Jew

The Interior Ministry has "recognized" a child born to a "Black Hebrew" couple as Jewish, it was stated yesterday in an application placed before the Supreme Court asking for a stay of the expulsion order against eight "Black Hebrews" arrested in Jericho two weeks ago.

The applicants asked the Court to extend the 15-day period of grace it had given them on December 21 against the Ministry's deportation order. That period expires on Wednesday. They said the grace period did not give them sufficient time to prepare their case against the Ministry's order.

To back up their argument more time is needed, they said, when Shimon was born in the Central Hospital in Beersheba on 11/21, she was registered as Jewish. Such "recognition" by the Ministry that one of their is Jewish "makes it clear that time is needed" to prepare their case, they said in their application. Justice Haim Cohn, who yesterday's application, accepted nor rejected it. He said: "If the Interior Ministry, and of the grace period, I show cause why it should be granted." The Ministry's order against the "Black Hebrews" — the would begin hearings on an appeal by the "Black Hebrews" a delay in the execution of deportation order.

U.K. Labour 'reinforcements' arrive

LOD AIRPORT. — A large contingent of the British Labour Party arrived yesterday. The 20-member group of the Labour Party includes 11 members of parliament and one member of the House of Lords.

Asked why their arrival after the expiry of President Sadat's deadline for "The Egyptian Decision," was not postponed, spokesman Robert said jokingly: "We thought might need reinforcements."

The visitors are guests of the Labour Party and the Foreign Ministry. They will meet the Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, as well as Histadrut leaders. Their visit lasted 10 days.

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Old rabbinical court by Western Wall coming down

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The former Jordanian schoolhouse near the Western Wall, which served as the home of the Rabbinical Supreme Court since 1967, is being demolished. While the last of the court furniture was being carried out of the front door yesterday, workmen of the Jewish Quarter Rehabilitation Company were swinging away with sledgehammers at the stonework and roof.

The building was declared unsafe by municipal engineers in October and, with much reluctance, the dayanis recently moved to temporary premises at Beit Straus across the Wall Plaza.

Last week, sections of the building collapsed, partially burying the court's library and records. These were salvaged, however, more-or-less intact.

The dayanim and the Ministry of Religious Affairs accuse Professor Elyashiv Mazar's archaeologists of deliberately undermining the foundations of the schoolhouse, in order to force the Rabbinical Court out, then have the building destroyed, and explore the promising strata of ruins beneath it. Prof. Mazar told *The Jerusalem Post* that the accusations were baseless. The building had always been unstable, he said, and the winter rain and wind had done their work.

Chairman of the Jewish Quarter Rehabilitation Company Moshe Avnelli told *The Post* that the Company, in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Municipality, is studying several possible plans for the area.

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WOMAN KILLED ON HERMON ROAD

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A woman was killed and two other persons lightly injured when their car overturned and fell down the mountain-side near Majdal Shams yesterday afternoon.

An army ambulance, arriving immediately after the accident, speeded the victims to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa, but the woman, Rosalie Weinstock, died on the way. Mrs. Weinstock, of Haifa, was the mother of two children.

Three soldiers were injured last night, when their jeep collided with an Egged bus in Jerusalem at the corner of Rehov Shmuel Hanavi and Bar-Ilan. The jeep was almost totally destroyed.

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